

More recently, the ARRB took testimony from Humes and Boswell yet again, and there have been persistent stories afoot since mid-1997 that based on their testimonies, the ARRB was going to recommend to the Department of Justice that both be charged with perjury.

So let us not weep for James Humes, as we did not for David Belin. They both had jobs to do, and they did them. In Humes' case, there was just no way he could continue to maintain the fraudulent event that has been called an autopsy.

Texas Theatre restoration--again:

Word has gone out from an architect for any materials--period photos, plans, anything that would help in restoring the site where Lee Oswald was arrested following the shootings of JFK and J.D. Tippit.

This is not the first such restoration. The edifice, quite famous since its creation in 1931, has been restored since 1963, and has suffered one devastating fire in the 1990s. The interested party is: Mitch Paradise Corgan Associates Inc. 214-748-2000 mparadise@corgan.com

JFK "Forger" goes on trial

Lawrence X. Cusack III, who enjoyed a brief celebrity [as well as the attention of Sy Hersh, prior to the publication of his JFK debunk] because he purported to "own" a collection of 700 documents he inherited from his father who he claimed to have been a Kennedy family advisor. The documents, which included letters "buying" Marilyn Monroe's silence about her friendships with JFK and RFK, were sold for \$7,000,000. Yet a closer look revealed that the Monroe letters, for instance, were typed on a machine not in existence during Marilyn Monroe's life-

time.

Cusack's defense is that he did not know the papers were fraudulent at the time of sale.

Such fakeries are serious problems, and one should consult the "JFK coffin" piece, below, to see how harmful they can be, even if unintentional.

Sadder notes

It has been reported that Harold Weisberg's health is failing badly, and that he must undergo dialysis thrice weekly. [ed. note: when I interviewed HW twice in 1995, he was not a well man then, as he could not climb downstairs to his basement to personally show me his archive of FOIA documents--60 4-drawer file cabinets full; he let me rummage all the same.] Harold is 86 years old and was in the thick of the fight from the first day, and has earned the respect from the entire assassination community.

On a sadder note, the JFK community lost a good and decent man when Nick Ackershoek, a teacher at JFK High School in Paterson, NJ, passed away on April 27. Past journal articles have noted that JFK was Nick's curriculum in his inner-city environment. From there, he used JFK events as teaching models, and had his students do research on various aspects of JFK's life and death. He took his class to COPA in 1996, with their life-size models of JFK and Connally, to disprove the "magic bullet." Those same students, as seniors, were in Dallas last year at the time of the Mac Wallace press conference.

Nick was extremely proud of the fact that several of his students had been accepted to college, an achievement on a par with getting the truth out of J. Edgar, and Nick deserved much of the credit. He

was a motivater, a family man, but most of all, a teacher, whose students--2,000 in all, lined the streets for his funeral. A wing of the JFK High School Library will be dedicated in Nick's honor, for the ongoing study of JFK's assassination. Readers who care to donate in Nick's name should send their donations to:

Nick Ackershoek Library

JFK High School

Paterson, New Jersey

Nick, your students will miss you no less than your family and I will. *Via con dios.*

**The Tippit Assassination and
David Belin's Hearing Loss:
*You Are the Jury!***

by Walt Brown, Ph.D.

[ed. note: With the recent passing of David Belin, along with the publication of a work strongly arguing that Oswald was the killer of Officer Tippit, I thought this article, which appeared years ago in Fourth Decade, would be timely.]

Shortly after 7 p.m. on November 22, 1963, Lee Oswald, who was either a malcontent Communist Castroite, an agent of the US government who had staged a successful "defection" to the USSR, or some odd political hybrid between those extremes, was charged and arraigned for the premeditated murder of Dallas Police Officer J.D. Tippit.

The Dallas authorities at least got half the story right, and in so doing, they clearly **disproved** the second part of the allegation. J.D. Tippit's murder *was* premeditated; that being the case, it is inconceivable that Oswald, suddenly aware of his "patsy" status and on the

run from the Book Depository, would compound his existing problems by going to a predetermined location and dropping the hammer on one of "Dallas's finest."

Warren Commission Counsel David Belin took the testimony and heard the evidence to prove this; he just chose not to hear what he was told, so the standard Tippit story was carved into Warren Commission cuneiform by the same witless scribes who swallowed the magic bullet and carved that fantasy on all of pharaoh's pylons and obelisks.

To his credit, Belin donated the royalties from his books, *November 22, 1963: You are the Jury*, and *Final Disclosure: The Full Truth about the Assassination of President Kennedy*, to charity. (It should strike the reader as odd that a Warren Commission staff attorney would publish a book which contained the "full truth about the assassination of President Kennedy," inasmuch as he had already put his name on the *Warren Report*, which we were told **was** the "full truth...") To his discredit, he seemed to believe the drivel contained in those books to the end.

Many of the Warren Commission's errors and/or lapses of judgment can be attributed to the compartmentalization of their investigation. An occasional snippet of testimony might be heard by one staff member without it striking an odd chord, because that counsel had not been privy to other testimony. That was **not** the case, of course, with the medical testimony taken by Arlen Specter, where the suborning of perjury became a fine art; nor was it true in the case of the two innocent witnesses who testified before David Belin, and gave him the Tippit case on a platter. Ever the gracious host, he declined to accept the judicial offering from those less fortunate than he.

Belin's "Hearing Loss" began on March 26, 1964, in the headquarters of the